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Thursdays at Noon
presents

Andrew Aarons, piano
Canadian Music Competitions Winner

Thursday, January 31, 2002
12:10 pm. Walter Hall

PROGRAMME

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| Ludwig van Beethoven | 32 Variations in C minor, WoO 80 |
| Franz Joseph Haydn | Sonata No. 24 in D major, Hob.XVI
Allegro
Adagio
Presto |
| | - Short Interval - |
| Johannes Brahms | Intermezzi Op. 117
No. 1: Andante moderato
No. 2: Andante non troppo e con molto
espressione
No. 3: Andante con moto |
| Johannes Brahms | Rhapsody in B minor Op. 79 No. 1 |

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Andrew Aarons, who resides in Toronto, is a scholarship student in Piano at the Glenn Gould Professional School at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Since age 7, Andrew Aarons has won numerous awards in music festivals and competitions; he was awarded 1st prizes in the Provincial Finals of the Canadian Music Competition in each year for four consecutive years. In 1997, he represented the CMC in Mexico City where he gave a Solo Recital and performed with the Youth Orchestra of Mexico. In 1998, his annual solo Piano Recital in the Ettore Mazzoleni Concert Hall of the Royal Conservatory of Music was recorded live for broadcast by CJBC.

Andrew Aarons has performed as guest soloist with the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra, the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra, the Mississauga Youth Orchestra, and the Oakville Symphony Orchestra. In addition he has been a guest artist with the National Academy Orchestra and with the Oakville Chamber Orchestra. He is also an active chamber music performer and was a member of the trio which was awarded 1st place at the 1998 Provincial Finals of the Ontario Music Festivals Association.

In 1999, Andrew Aarons was the winner of the CBSO/RCM Concerto competition and was also a prize winner in the Toronto Symphony Volunteer Committee Competition and in the Canadian Chopin Piano Competition. In the 2000 Kiwanis Music Festival, Andrew was the recipient of the Sinawik Club of Humber Valley Scholarship, the BDO Dunwoody Award Scholarship, and the David Ouchterlony Memorial Scholarship given to the "Most Promising Student" in piano. In the year 2000, Andrew was selected to participate in the 2000 Morningside Music Bridge at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta during the month of July. During that year, he won first place in the Ontario Music Festivals Association Open Piano Competition, and was a prize winner in the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals National Competition in Halifax.

This year, Andrew performed with the Oakville Symphony Orchestra, and was invited to perform before The Rt. Hon. Jean Chretien at the event announcing increased funding for the Arts. Andrew was a First Place winner in the Kiwanis Music Festival 2001 and competed in the 2001 Provincial Finals of the Ontario Music Festivals Association in Ottawa. He was again awarded first place in his class at the Provincial Finals of the Canadian Music Competitions and was a prize winner at the National Finals in Quebec City. Following that, he performed with L'Orchestre Symphonique de Québec.

In May of this year, Andrew made his Carnegie Hall debut when he performed by invitation in the "Young Virtuosos" recital. In the summer, he participated on full scholarship in a four-week program at the Adamant Music School in Vermont, USA, and he performed in a concert which was broadcast live on the Vermont Public Radio. Most recently, he was guest soloist in the Brott Autumn Festival, performing with the National Academy Orchestra in Hamilton.